

## **Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Allow Consideration of Outside Live Entertainment Description:**

A text amendment is scheduled to be presented to the County Planning Commission at the March 6, 2013 public hearing. The proposed text amendment to the county zoning code is intended provide the County Line restaurant, and other similar establishments, with an opportunity to apply for the appropriate zoning that matches the activities that take place at their premises.

The effort is to create an opportunity for commercial establishments to apply for a Special Use Permit that would allow outdoor concerts through a public process that allows a range of public comment and technical review.

The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Code is intended to add new language to the zoning code and provide a use category that is not currently defined in the comprehensive code. The term *Off Premises Live Entertainment* is proposed as a Conditional Use in the C-2 zone. The addition of this term is intended to clarify existing language within the ordinance and offer administrative relief opportunities for certain types of outdoor music and activities.

The addition of this term the zoning code will allow for a consistent and transparent process for businesses to apply for consideration of a live entertainment type use outside of their place of business. The proposed amendment will allow consideration of this use to be located outside of the building foot print but within the property of a particular place of business.

Businesses that need to apply for this use will be required to submit a detailed application including a site plan depicting parking areas, landscaping, as well as the location and scope of the proposed activities. The applicant would also be required to describe the proposed use in detail. After submittal to the Zoning, Building and Planning Department the proposal will be publically advertised and neighborhood associations within the area notified.

After a detailed staff review, the proposal will be presented to the County Planning Commission for consideration. This process will allow the community to participate and testify during the County Planning Commission hearings. The concerns of all parties involved aired in a public forum and the County Planning Commission will then make a decision based on the facts and testimony provided to them.